

# BEGINS THIS WEEK

Work to Be Commenced on the High School.

## TO LAY THE FIRST BRICK

Little Agnes, daughter of Prof. H. H. Epps, will probably be asked to start the masonry on the new building.

Unless there is a change in the present plans Messrs. Peckard & Co., to whom was awarded the contract for erecting the high school building, which is to occupy the square bounded by Washington and Lafayette avenues and Thirty-first and Thirty-second streets, will break ground for the structure some time Tuesday.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of School Trustees Monday night the contract will be signed and the bond accepted. There is every reason to believe that the city bonds will be taken up in a few days by Rudolph Kiehl & Co. of Cincinnati, and in order to have the building completed as early as possible the contractors will rush the work from now on.

There should be some ceremony attending the laying of the corner stone as well as the first brick. If a corner stone is placed in the building it will be "well and truly laid" by Bremond Lodge, No. 251, A. F. & A. M., and in addition to this Agnes, the bright little daughter of Professor Horace H. Epps, the principal of the High School, will probably be designated to lay the first brick. No man has labored more ardently to build up the public schools of Newport News than Professor Epps, and for that reason it is thought that his daughter, Agnes, should take part in the exercises. Then, too, this little girl is a pupil in the public schools and has always, it is said, stood at the head of her classes. The laying of the foundation for a school building in Newport News will mark a new epoch in the educational history of the city, and hence it should be made a gala day for school children.

When completed the High School will cost about \$30,000. The building was designed by Captain P. Thornton Marrye. It will have a double frontage of eighty feet, facing Thirty-first and Thirty-second streets, and will be constructed of red brick. It will be a three-story building with a basement. On the first floor there will be two entrances leading into a vestibule at either end of the hall. From each vestibule there are to be two stairways, one leading to the basement and the other to the second floor. The interior of the building will be wainscotted throughout with bright yellow pine finished on the grain. There will be six class rooms on the first floor, and the same number on the second. On the third floor there are to be four class rooms and an assembly hall. The seating capacity of the building will be 320. The building will be heated by indirect hot gas.

Editor Daily Press: Being a regular reader of your valuable journal, permit me as such to call your attention to the glaring abuse of public authority that is daily practiced by our police department. I refer especially to the unjust and criminal persecution of seafaring men, as they seem to be the special attraction upon which many of our "farmer" sleuths seek to build up a reputation.

While it is a promise to the pleasure of the average sailor that he is not to be subjected to the public morals, there is to my mind extenuating features to justify the mild excesses of these men, chief among which are the severity of the police department, the arbitrary and capricious manner in which they are treated, and the fact that they are a lawless and lawless set of men, who are not to be trusted.

However, in justice to the department, I must say there are some very efficient and conservative officers, but the acts of others are a disgrace to the whole department and will eventually work injury to the mercantile and shipping interests of the city.

In conclusion I await the attack of the "Harwood Fleet" upon "Port Kelly," which is well supplied with ammunition to return the fire.

W. C. KELLY.  
Newport News, Va., June 12, 1898.

### Named the Committees.

President O'Donnell, of the Common Council, yesterday appointed the following committees, which power was given him at the session of the council Friday night:

Messrs. McLaughlin and Burcher and Dr. Hobson, as Health Officer, on the committee to purchase mules, carts and equipments for the city garbage service.

Messrs. Via, Lenz and Mackey on the committee to select a site for the stable and to make arrangements for the maintenance and keeping of the city teams.

### Accident to a Colored Man.

Henry Pritchard (colored), aged 44 years, lost his right leg while at work in the grain elevator at the wharf yesterday afternoon. It seems that his foot caught in a heavy coil of wire rope which was being raised by a derrick, and the rope fell, crushing the man's leg about the ankle. Pritchard was taken to the office of Dr. Joseph Charles, who amputated the injured member. The negro was then taken to his home in the country.

### Cut Flowers.

Floral designs and decorations of all kinds at short notice, furnished at greenhouse prices. WM. G. BURGESS, my 25-26.

Ice cream freezers 2 to 10 quarts, ice water coolers 2 to 8 gallons. Prices right. Adams Racket Store, my 20-21.

## NO HEARING FOR STURGIS YET.

Justice Brown Will Not Sit in the Case as He Was Duped by the Attorney.

As yet L. M. Sturgis has not had a preliminary hearing and it is not known when the five charges against him will be tried before a Justice.

It has not been decided before whom Sturgis will be taken for a hearing. Ordinarily Justice Brown would sit in the cases, but owing to the fact that his worship is an endorser on one of Sturgis' notes for the sum of \$50, and there is a possibility that he will have to "fork" over the cash tomorrow, when the note is due, Justice Brown does not wish to pass judgment on the attorney.

In the absence of Justice Brown Justice Semmes usually occupies the bench in the police court, but for personal reasons it is said that Justice Semmes does not care to hear the case. The other Justices in the city are Attorneys Harry L. Moss and M. M. King, and one of them will likely occupy the bench during the preliminary hearing.

It was learned yesterday that Sturgis will have two attorneys to defend him. They are Judge Burroughs, of Norfolk, and Mr. A. C. Garrett, of this city. Both Messrs. Burroughs and Smith will ask for a change of venue when his case comes to trial on the ground that he cannot get a fair and impartial trial in the city, for the reason that publicity has been given to his case. Whether this is true is not known.

Sturgis has been made as comfortable as possible in the city jail. He is not confined in the felon's ward, but occupies a cell to himself, which has been supplied with bed clothing and some conveniences.

Two of the ten-day notes given by Sturgis will fall due tomorrow. One of these notes, which amounts to \$50, is endorsed by Clerk of the Courts D. Smith and Commissioner of the Revenue Magruder B. Jones. It was deposited at Schmelz Brothers' bank as collateral for part of the money Sturgis obtained there on a forged check. The notes in the hands of the bank, it is said, will allow the bank to go to jail. This is the ground on which it is said, these gentlemen will contest the payment of the note. If this be true it is likely to develop an interesting case.

Attorney Garrett yesterday succeeded in having the amount of Sturgis' bail reduced from \$5,000 to \$1,000 in each case and it is thought Sturgis will succeed in securing a bondsman this week.

## BRIEF ITEMS.

Misses Laura DeWilde, Nina Stringfield, Florence Jennings and Ethel Cortrell and Mr. Hutson Salley took part in a concert given in Smithfield Friday night for the benefit of the Episcopal church. The proceeds of the concert were \$100.

Mr. W. G. Burgess returned yesterday morning from a business trip to Baltimore.

Mr. W. J. Payne and Attorney Samuel Reeves, who have been in the city for the last three days on business connected with the construction of the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company, returned to Baltimore yesterday morning.

The friends of Captain H. A. Hodges, late of the Old Dominion Line, will be pained to learn that he was obliged to leave St. Vincent's for the Cancer Hospital last week, where he was operated upon for cancer. Captain Hodges writes cheerfully and says that he believes that he will pull out all right, that no one of his friends can see him this week, but that he will be able to call on him when opportunity occurs.

The Y. M. C. Wheelmen have had the "New York News" bicycle ordinance printed on an attractive card for distribution among the wheelmen of the city.

W. M. Sumwalt, of Norfolk, is visiting Mrs. J. M. Johnson, in East End.

Dr. H. M. Smith and family returned home last evening from an extended visit to Ashland and Staunton, Va.

Miss Louise Morgan, of Twenty-seventh street, left yesterday morning on the steamer Kappahannock for a visit to relatives in Wales.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Simpson Cooper left yesterday evening for Asheville, N. C., where they will spend a month.

Lieutenant W. L. Hillyer, who has been detailed to duty in this city for recruits, left Jacksonville yesterday for this city and he is expected to arrive some time today.

Six officers of a Japanese warship which is now being built at the Union Iron Works, in San Francisco, and the secretary of the Japanese legation at Washington, visited the shipyard Friday evening.

Children's Day will be observed at Washington Avenue Methodist and the First Presbyterian churches today.

## Derrick Ox Launched.

Ox, is the name of a 50-ton floating derrick which was launched at the shipyard yesterday. The derrick, which will be used in handling the armor plate for the battleships, was built in three weeks, and was launched in this city last week, and was ready for service as soon as she glided into the water. The shipyard here is better equipped with derricks and hoisting machinery than any other yard in the world.

## Baseball Yesterday.

A game of ball was played at East End yesterday afternoon between the Young Americans and Marine Stars, resulting in a victory for the former by a score of 1 to 15. The batteries were: Young Americans—Montalene and Gilpin; Marine Stars—Gehring and Haley.

## WON BY THE TURK.

NEW YORK, June 11.—In the wrestling match tonight at Madison Square Garden between Yousouf and Heraklides, the Turk won the first fall in forty-seven seconds. He twisted the Greek's neck in such a manner that Heraklides was unconscious for half a minute. The Greek was able to go on fifteen minutes later.

The Turk won the second fall, and the match in one minute and 10 seconds.

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# NOT SPANISH SHIPS

Vessels Sighted Friday Night Were Merchantmen.

## ARRIVES FOR REPAIRS

Cruiser Minneapolis Will Go to the Shipyard Tomorrow, Yale Leaves Today, La Grande Duchesse in the Dock.

That Spanish fleet, which was reported to have been lurking in the vicinity of the Virginia capes Friday night, proved to be merchantmen, headed by the German freighter Constantia, Captain Rordin, bound from New Orleans for Hamburg via Newport News, which arrived here yesterday morning for bunker coal; at least that is the supposition.

Nevertheless, the rumor that the enemy's men-of-war were cruising outside the Capes was circulated in good faith at Old Point, and preparations were made to give the Spaniards a warm reception, though the garrison at Fort Monroe is always ready to meet the haughty Dons. The report was generally credited among the soldiers Friday night, but the excitement which is said to have prevailed at Old Point was probably created by an excited bugler, who, when summoning the officers from the hotels to their posts, stated, as though one with authority to speak, that Spanish warships were bound in, and the report was soon on every tongue. The rumor was carried from place to place. Those who were on the streets of Hampton late at midnight heard it, and it spread to this city. But it was a mistake.

A dispatch received from Cape Henry yesterday morning, from which place the first note of warning was said to have been sounded, hushed the rumor and allayed excitement. It was as follows:

"About 6 o'clock yesterday evening reports began to come in of a suspicious craft off the North Carolina coast bound north. Her approach was heralded by various descriptions and finally when she passed in the Capes at 7:10 P. M. she proved to be the German steamship Constantia, bound for Newport News."

The soldiers at Fortress Monroe were disappointed look yesterday when they heard that no Spanish ships were in sight. "We waited for them all night," said a sergeant yesterday, "but have yet to get a glimpse of a man-of-war flying the Spanish flag. Were we ready? Well, I should say so. We were itching for a chance to train one of our 13-inch boys on them. When those fellows roar something is going to drop."

Regarding the report an officer at Old Point is quoted as having said: "The ships which were last night mistaken for Spaniards have turned out to be merchantmen. There were two of them and as they did not show any lights it was thought that they were warships from Cadiz and the telegram was sent from the Capes."

So it seems that there was good ground for entertaining the belief that Spanish ships were really lurking outside the capes.

## MINNEAPOLIS IN PORT.

The protected cruiser Minneapolis arrived here yesterday shortly before noon and anchored near the Harvard. Monday the Minneapolis will go to the shipyard for repairs, but it will not be necessary for the cruiser to go into the dry dock, though it is not yet known to what extent the vessel will be repaired. It is stated that she is not seriously damaged.

## YALE NOW A CRUISER.

The work of converting the scout ship Yale, formerly the American inner City of Paris, into an auxiliary cruiser was completed at the shipyard yesterday and the cruiser will leave the yard this afternoon at 4 o'clock. While at the yard the Yale received an armament of eight 5-inch rapid-fire guns. Tomorrow afternoon the Harvard will be towed to the shipyard to be converted into a cruiser. She will mount the same number of guns placed on the Yale.

## DIXIE SAILS.

Shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the auxiliary cruiser Dixie weighed anchor and started away from Old Point under sealed orders. The destination of the Dixie is unknown, but her commander had been expecting sailing orders for some time.

There is a strong possibility that the auxiliary cruiser Dixie, manned by the Maryland naval militia, which is now lying at Hampton Roads, will join Admiral Sampson at Santiago. The cruiser and Yousouf, which have been with the armadilloes there were originally sent to convey ammunition. This may also be the mission of the Dixie, provided Admiral Sampson informs the government that he is in need of more ammunition.

## MORE GUNS FOR THE FORT.

Four large disappearing guns have arrived at Fortress Monroe and will be mounted on the disappearing carriages which are being built on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay, midway between the old fort and the Pines Battery.

The Plant Line steamer La Grande Duchesse, which has been at the shipyard for the last six months, went into the dry dock yesterday afternoon at high tide. Since she has been tied up at the shipyard the palatial steamer has received a new set of Scotch boilers in place of the Babcock steam engines, and it is expected that when she goes out on a trial trip that La Grande Duchesse will make faster time than she did while using the Babcock boilers, and then she broke the record for fast running between New York and Savannah.

Some time before the war began naval officials contemplated purchasing the steamer for the purpose of converting her into a hospital ship, and tomorrow she will be inspected by several officers, who will ascertain her adaptability for the hospital service. A better ship than La Grande Duchesse cannot be found in her class. She is speedy and steady.

## Floral Designs.

Floral designs and decorations of all kinds at short notice, furnished at greenhouse prices. WM. G. BURGESS, my 28-29

## WILL SHOOT FOR PRIZES.

Chesapeake Gun Club Preparing for a Gala Day at Riverview Park.

The members of the Chesapeake Gun Club have arranged for a prize "shoot," which will take place at Riverview Park Wednesday, June 22, at 4 P. M. The prizes have been donated by local business men, and it will be an interesting event free to all members. There will be seven events, which will be divided into handicaps, the contestants being graded according to past averages. Following is a list of prizes together with the names of the donors:

Gold medal for the best average—Chesapeake Gun Club.

Gold medal for the best score in first event—Chesapeake Gun Club.

Gold medal for the best score in last event—J. J. Palmer.

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Shooting jacket—S. A. Branch.

Ammunition case—Marston & James.

Box of cigars—A. A. Moss.

Gun case—W. T. Wignor's Sons, Richmond.

Briar pipe—T. G. Burgess.

Box cigars—F. F. Allen & Co.

Half hose, half dozen—Capital Dry Goods House.

Handkerchiefs—J. A. Hirschberg.

Handsome cane—Meyers' Bros.

Derby hat—Woodward & Womble.

Walking cane—D. V. Isenman.

Fire and cigar holder—Crossley Bros.

Umbrella—Magyer Shoe Co.

Watch fob and chain—N. Highfield & Co.

Box of pictures—M. H. Morgan.

Box of cigars—Newport News Tobacco Co.

Bucket of jelly—J. R. Bolling.

Jar of pickles—J. W. Mesic.

Box of cigars—J. A. Hirschberg.

Box of candy—Felix Bordenave.

Neckties, half dozen—J. Banks & Bro.

Handkerchiefs, half dozen—Griffiths & Co.

Half hose, half dozen—E. Peyser.

Rocking chair—Perkins, Duncan & Co.

Bicycle lamp—Maguyre & Small.

Shooting cap—K. Milman.

Hammock—Racket Store.

Patent leather shoes—L. Richmond.

Pair of suspenders—Globe Store.

Box of cigars—Ideal Pharmacy.

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Water cooler—Richter & Brillingham.

Bottle of Rhine wine—Phil Mugler.

## TODAY AT THE CHURCHES.

Themen That Will Be Discussed on from the Pulpits in the City.

First Baptist church, Rev. C. C. Cox, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning text, 1 Samuel—30:24. Evening subject, "Paul's Dilemma."

First Baptist church, Rev. T. J. Mackay, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "Job's Question and Paul's Answer Regarding Justification." Evening subject, "Will the Bible Stand?" Baptism after evening service.

Lutheran services—Rev. J. E. Shenk, pastor of the First Lutheran church, Norfolk, will preach in the Thirtieth street Lutheran church at 4:45 o'clock this afternoon.

Washington Avenue M. E. church, Rev. B. F. Lipscomb, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Children's Day service will be held in the morning, and the program will consist of songs and recitations and an address by the pastor.

First Presbyterian church, Rev. E. T. Wellford, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The Vision of God." The annual Children's Day service will occur in the evening. An excellent program consisting of songs, recitations and a play has been prepared by the Sunday school. Missionary boxes of the scholars will be opened and the money counted. The pastor will deliver a brief address on "Our Mission." Rescued League Mission—Services at 3 and 7:30 P. M. Chestnut Avenue M. E. church, Rev. M. S. Colonna, Jr., pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The Child Minister." Evening topic, "The Man Without a Church." East End Mission, Rev. E. T. Wellford, pastor—Services at 4 P. M.

The men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. at 4 o'clock this afternoon will be addressed by State Secretary L. A. Coulter.

## TO GUARD THE CAPE.

Gunboat Apache Will Be Assigned to That Duty.

NORFOLK, Va., June 11.—Lieutenant Edward Geer, U. S. N., and twenty-nine Maryland reserves arrived here today to man the gunboat Apache, which is being converted into a sea service Wednesday. She mounts two 6-inch rapid fire, two Gatlings and two small guns, and will be left to guard the capes and the squadron forming her guns to sea.

Two divisions of naval reserves from Chicago, arrived here today.

There is considerable talk here of the destination of the vessels now at and about Hampton Roads, and the general opinion is strongly in support of the belief that the forces of Spain may see them soon after their leaving here.

## WATER SPOUT BURSTS.

Men, Women and Children Drowned in Mexico.

MEXICAN CITY, June 11.—Last night an immense water spout burst in the hills above the town of Mexico. The water spout swept down furiously, flooded into the lower part of that place and drowned several men, women and children.

A brave officer saw the flood coming and ran at the top of his speed, warning the inhabitants to flee for their lives. He rescued many women and children. The officer was badly injured.

## SPANISH SPIES ARRESTED.

NEW YORK, June 11.—Eduardo, a Spanish 40 years of age, and an unknown man of the same nationality, were taken off a transatlantic steamship tonight on suspicion of being Spanish spies.

It is said by detectives that papers were found in the baggage of the two men that would convict them.

## CARRANZA GOING HOME.

OTTAWA, Ont., June 11.—Lieutenant Carranza and Senor du Bose will sail for Madrid from Montreal on Saturday, June 25, two weeks from today. In the meantime, it is stated in official circles, Canadian secret service men and private detectives are to watch their movements closely.

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# ARMY OF INVASION

On a Fleet of Swift Transports.

## SCENES AT PORT TAMPA

First United States Infantry, Major General Shafter's Old Command, Given the Honor of Embarking First.

Excited Humanity.

(By Telegraph.)

TAMPA, FLA., June 11.—The army of invasion is now embarked on a large fleet of swift transports.

The first official notification that the time for movement had arrived came in the form of a general order posted on May 31st. The announcement created great enthusiasm. Preparations were hastened among the troops on the following day to be in readiness to move immediately on board the transports. Every man went about his work with eagerness. The embarkation assumed definite shape on Monday afternoon, June 6th, when the First United States Infantry, Major General Shafter's old command, a regiment famous in the history of the army, was given the honor of embarking first. These physical giants, as they marched down the long pier at Port Tampa, with their regiment band playing patriotic airs, were an inspiring sight, awakening the enthusiasm of all who beheld this spectacle. Their national colors fluttered in the gulf breeze, their arms glistened in the tropical sun, while their rhythmic tread added to the impressiveness, among all that this was, the most warlike scene yet witnessed here.

During the balance of the afternoon and until daylight the next morning the movement was resumed with the utmost vigor.

All during Tuesday the wharves were a moving mass of excited humanity, each individual vainly striving for a place. Late in the afternoon every commanding officer was ordered to get his regiment in readiness for immediate movement, and soon afterward word was sent out to send the troops upon the transports as rapidly as possible. Trains of coaches and cars of all descriptions were placed on sidings near the various camps, and baggage, arms and ammunition were hurried on board.

On Tuesday evening about 8 o'clock Lieutenant Miley, who was in the hotel telegraph office with General Miles, was seen to rush into the hall and General Miles at full speed toward General Shafter's apartments. Immediately the two were seen moving rapidly toward the telegraph office. Lieutenant Miley forcibly pulling the very greatest reluctance, believing he should retain his command under the circumstances. He was, however, finally convinced that the attempt of another person to carry out the multitude of details which had been in preparation by Mr. Hobson might endanger the movement. He therefore took the liberty to relieve him for this reason only. There were hundreds of volunteers who were anxious to participate; there were 150 from the Iowa, nearly as many from this ship and about equal numbers from the other ships, officers and men alike.

(Signed) "W. T. SAMPSON."

## TO THE BITTER END.

Spain Will Not Listen to Suggestions of Peace.

(By Telegraph.)

MADRID, June 11.—P. M.—The campaign inaugurated by some of the foreign newspapers in favor of peace between Spain and the United States is not approved here. According to the opinions of several generals Spain is capable of continuing the war in Cuba for two years, even under the most unfavorable circumstances.

The government, it is added, has not received any suggestions of peace from the powers, and in political circles it is declared that if such a suggestion were received the government would politely decline to entertain it on the ground that Spain has decided to pursue the war to the bitter end.

Aggravated here from Cuba against that yellow fever is ravaging Rear Admiral Sampson's fleet, the province of Santiago being, it is claimed, the hot bed of the disease.

## CONTRADICTORY REPORT.

LONDON, June 12.—The Vienna correspondent of the Observer says:

"Private advices received here show that the situation in Spain is such that the Spanish government is now drawing up a memorandum to the powers requesting their friendly intervention. I learn from diplomatic sources that France and Austria are prepared to agree to such a suggestion, while Russia and Germany disapprove of intervention. The enormous increase in the Russian grain trade since the war began has probably influenced the views of the latter power, and the probability of European intervention is most remarkable."

SPAIN'S FRIENDS LOSING HOPE. LONDON, June 11.—The Paris correspondent of the Spectator says: "Spain's most steadfast friends here are losing hope. Her candid friends of the press deplore the obstinacy with which she accepted war when totally unprepared, and declare that to continue fighting when the cause is hopelessly lost will only alienate France, whose good words would prove serviceable in the day of settlement."

## SOLDIER COMMITTS SUICIDE.

(By Telegraph.)

ATLANTA, Ga., June 11.—D. Bulard, recently discharged from Company F, Fifth Infantry, for disability, killed himself at Fort McPherson today. His home is unknown. He was buried in the National Cemetery at Marietta.

Your socks aren't worth a darn! You can buy a new pair at Woodward & Womble's for 10c.

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